

from looting, in sharp contrast to the practice of the British and Hessian forces, but he also gave the New Jersey militia as its major assignment the mission of protecting the property of New Jersey's farmers from the foraging parties of King George's army.

The leader of the militia in neighboring Somerset County at that time was a young, 23-year-old colonel named Frederick Frelinghuysen. So it is appropriate that this now 200-year-old family tradition of protecting the property rights of New Jersey citizens is upheld in the bill by a "willing seller" provision.

The Morristown National Historical Park was established in 1933 as the first National Historic Park. It includes Washington's winter headquarters and other preserved or reconstructed Revolutionary War encampments and artifacts. The park has reached its statutory size limit, but there are additional parcels that could be donated to the park. H.R. 118 authorizes an additional 100 acres for park expansion.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN).

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from South Carolina for yielding me time and for his very accurate history lesson. This is indeed New Jersey's version of Valley Forge.

At the outset I want to thank the chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA); and the ranking member, the gentleman from Utah, Mr. ROB BISHOP, for their work on my bill. In addition, I want to offer my appreciation to the chairman of the full Committee on Natural Resources, Mr. RAHALL; and the ranking member, DOC HASTINGS, for bringing this legislation to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, as has been stated here this afternoon, H.R. 118 seeks to authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historic Park in my congressional district in New Jersey. The Morristown National Historic Park, our Nation's oldest National Historic Park, has a rich historical significance beginning with Washington's encampment there in 1777, 1779, and 1780.

New Jersey was quite literally the crossroads of the American Revolution as America's struggle for independence was won and, yes, nearly lost there. During two critical winters of the war, Morristown served as the headquarters for General George Washington. To mark the area's impact on our Nation's history, Morristown National Historic Park was established by Congress in 1933.

Today, from time to time, property owners with land adjacent to the park

offer their property in the form of a donation to the National Park Service. Due to an existing acreage ceiling, the park cannot accept these donations nor can it acquire any additional land.

My colleagues, Federal support for Morristown National Historic Park and the inclusion of additional lands that have significant historical background presents a unique opportunity for our government to express its commitment to preserving our past which may be threatened if these lands go unprotected.

I am also pleased that the committee adopted language proposed by Representative BISHOP that land come from only willing donors or sellers, assuring that property rights are respected.

I believe our responsibility at the Federal level is to serve as a helping hand, one that works with the Department of the Interior to secure critical funding, and I do that on the Appropriations Committee, and provides authority to purchase and, yes, accept as donations parcels from willing sellers. This process will allow us to continue to respect and complement greater county, State, municipal, and private efforts already in place to protect these important resources.

I want to commend the cosponsors of this legislation, including the entire New Jersey congressional delegation, and members of the Committee on Natural Resources for recognizing the importance of this proposal. Additionally, I want to thank the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders in New Jersey and the local municipalities for their support.

With that said, I urge passage of my bill.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I again urge Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 118, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AUTHORITIES AND CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3804) to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3804

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 101. National Park System Advisory Board.

Sec. 102. National Park Service Concessions Management Advisory Board.

Sec. 103. National Park System uniform penalties.

Sec. 104. Volunteers in the parks.

TITLE II—PEARL HARBOR TICKETING

Sec. 201. Definitions.

Sec. 202. Facilitation of admission to historic attractions within Pearl Harbor Naval Complex.

Sec. 203. Protection of resources.

TITLE III—CHANGES TO NATIONAL PARK UNITS

Sec. 301. George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Sec. 302. District of Columbia snow removal.

Sec. 303. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.

Sec. 304. Lava Beds National Monument Wilderness boundary adjustment.

TITLE IV—TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Sec. 401. Baltimore National Heritage Area.

Sec. 402. Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area.

Sec. 403. Snake River headwaters.

Sec. 404. Taunton River.

Sec. 405. Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Sec. 406. Niagara Falls National Heritage Area.

TITLE I—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AUTHORIZATIONS

SEC. 101. NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD.

Section 3(f) of the Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes", approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 463(f)), is amended in the first sentence, by striking "2010" and inserting "2020".

SEC. 102. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD.

Section 409(d) of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-391) is amended by striking "2009" and inserting "2019".

SEC. 103. NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM UNIFORM PENALTIES.

(a) FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.—The first section of the Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the protection of national military parks, national parks, battlefield sites, national monuments, and miscellaneous memorials under the control of the War Department", approved March 2, 1933 (47 Stat. 1420, ch. 180), is amended by striking "such fine and imprisonment;" and inserting "such fine and imprisonment; except if the violation occurs within a park, site, monument, or memorial that is part of the National Park System, where violations shall be subject to the penalty provision set forth in section 3 of the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 3; commonly known as the 'National Park Service Organic

Act') and section 3571 of title 18, United States Code.''.

(b) **COST OF PROCEEDINGS.**—Section 2(k) of the Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes", approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 462(k)), is amended by striking "cost of the proceedings." and inserting "cost of the proceedings; except if the violation occurs within an area that is part of the National Park System, where violations shall be subject to the penalty provision set forth in section 3 of the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 3; commonly known as the 'National Park Service Organic Act'), and section 3571 of title 18, United States Code.'".

SEC. 104. VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARKS.

Section 4 of the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969 (16 U.S.C. 18j) is amended by striking "\$3,500,000" and inserting "\$10,000,000".

TITLE II—PEARL HARBOR TICKETING

SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) **PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITE.**—The term "Pearl Harbor historic site" means a historic attraction within the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex, including the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, the Battleship Missouri Memorial, the Pacific Aviation Museum—Pearl Harbor, and any other historic attraction that the Secretary identifies as a Pearl Harbor historic site and that is not administered or managed by the Secretary.

(3) **VISITOR CENTER.**—The term "visitor center" means the visitor center located within the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex on lands that are within the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument and managed by the Secretary through the National Park Service.

SEC. 202. FACILITATION OF ADMISSION TO HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS WITHIN PEARL HARBOR NAVAL COMPLEX.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in managing the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, may enter into an agreement with the nonprofit organizations or other legally recognized entities that are authorized to administer or manage a Pearl Harbor historic site—

(1) to allow visitors to a Pearl Harbor historic site to gain access to the site by passing through security screening at the Visitor Center; and

(2) to allow the sale of tickets to a Pearl Harbor historic site within the Visitor Center by employees of the National Park Service or by organizations that administer or manage a Pearl Harbor historic site.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—In any agreement entered into pursuant to this title, the Secretary—

(1) shall require the organization administering or managing a Pearl Harbor historic site to pay to the Secretary a reasonable fee to recover administrative costs associated with the use of the Visitor Center for public access and ticket sales, the proceeds of which shall remain available, without further appropriation, for use by the National Park Service at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument;

(2) shall ensure the limited liability of the United States arising from the admission of the public through the Visitor Center to a Pearl Harbor historic site and the sale or issuance of any tickets to the site; and

(3) may include any other terms and conditions the Secretary deems appropriate.

(c) **LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.**—Under this title, the Secretary shall have no authority—

(1) to regulate or approve the rates for admission to an attraction within the Pearl Harbor historic site;

(2) to regulate or manage any visitor services of any historic sites within the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex other than at those sites managed by the National Park Service as part of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument; or

(3) to charge an entrance fee for admission to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

SEC. 203. PROTECTION OF RESOURCES.

Nothing in this title authorizes the Secretary or any organization that administers or manages a Pearl Harbor historic site to take any action in derogation of the preservation and protection of the values and resources of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

TITLE III—CHANGES TO NATIONAL PARK UNITS

SEC. 301. GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY.

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land in accordance with the terms and conditions of this section.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) **RESEARCH CENTER.**—The term "Research Center" means the Federal Highway Administration's Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center.

(3) **FARM.**—The term "Farm" means the Claude Moore Colonial Farm.

(4) **MAP.**—The term "Map" means the map titled "GWMP—Claude Moore Proposed Boundary Adjustment", numbered 850/82003, and dated April 2004. The map shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TRANSFER.**—

(1) **TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary and the Secretary of Transportation are authorized to transfer administrative jurisdiction for approximately 0.342 acre of land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior within the boundary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, generally depicted as "B" on the Map, for approximately 0.479 acre within the boundary of the Research Center land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation adjacent to the boundary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, generally depicted as "A" on the Map.

(B) **USE RESTRICTION.**—The Secretary shall restrict the use of 0.139 acre of land within the boundary of the George Washington Memorial Parkway immediately adjacent to part of the north perimeter fence of the Research Center, generally depicted as "C" on the Map, by prohibiting the storage, construction, or installation of any item that may obstruct the view from the Research Center into the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

(2) **REIMBURSEMENT OR CONSIDERATION.**—The transfer of administrative jurisdiction under this section shall occur without reimbursement or consideration.

(3) **COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT.**—

(A) **AGREEMENT.**—The National Park Service and the Federal Highway Administration shall comply with all terms and conditions of the Agreement entered into by the parties on September 11, 2002, regarding the transfer of administrative jurisdiction, management, and maintenance of the lands discussed in the Agreement.

(B) **ACCESS TO LAND.**—The Secretary shall allow the Research Center access to the land the Secretary restricts under paragraph (1)(B) for purposes of maintenance in accordance with National Park Service standards, which includes grass mowing and weed control, tree maintenance, fence maintenance, and visual appearance. No tree 6 inches or more in diameter shall be pruned or removed without the advance written permission of the Secretary. Any pesticide use must be approved in writing by the Secretary prior to application of the pesticide.

(d) **MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFERRED LANDS.**—

(1) **INTERIOR LAND.**—The land transferred to the Secretary under subsection (c)(1) shall be included in the boundaries of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and shall be administered by the National Park Service as part of the parkway subject to applicable laws and regulations.

(2) **TRANSPORTATION LAND.**—The land transferred to the Secretary of Transportation under subsection (c)(1) shall be included in the boundary of the Research Center and shall be removed from the boundary of the parkway.

(3) **RESTRICTED-USE LAND.**—The land the Secretary has designated for restricted use under subsection (c)(1) shall be maintained by the Research Center.

SEC. 302. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SNOW REMOVAL.

Section 3 of the Act entitled, "An Act Providing for the removal of snow and ice from the paved sidewalks of the District of Columbia", approved September 16, 1922 (Sec. 9-603, D.C. Official Code), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. (a) It shall be the duty of a Federal agency to remove, or cause to be removed, snow, sleet, or ice from paved sidewalks and crosswalks within the fire limits of the District of Columbia that are—

"(1) in front of or adjacent to buildings owned by the United States and under such Federal agency's jurisdiction; or

"(2) public thoroughfares in front of, around, or through public squares, reservations, or open spaces and that are owned by the United States and under such Federal agency's jurisdiction.

"(b) The snow, sleet, or ice removal required by subsection (a) shall occur within a reasonable time period after snow or sleet ceases to fall or after ice has accumulated. In the event that snow, sleet, or ice has hardened and cannot be removed, such Federal agency shall—

"(1) make the paved sidewalks and crosswalks under its jurisdiction described in subsection (a) reasonably safe for travel by the application of sand, ashes, salt, or other acceptable materials; and

"(2) as soon as practicable, thoroughly remove the snow, sleet, or ice.

"(c)(1) The duty of a Federal agency described in subsections (a) and (b) may be delegated to another governmental or non-governmental entity through a lease, contract, or other comparable arrangement.

"(2) If two or more Federal agencies have overlapping responsibility for the same sidewalk or crosswalk they may enter into an arrangement assigning responsibility."

SEC. 303. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) **AMENDMENTS.**—The Act entitled "An Act to establish the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes", approved October 10, 1980 (Public Law 96-428; 94 Stat. 1839) is amended—

(1) in the first section, by striking "the map entitled 'Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site Boundary Map', number 489/80,013B, and dated September 1992"

and inserting “the map titled ‘Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park’, numbered 489/80,032, and dated April 2009”;

(2) by striking “Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site” each place it appears and inserting “Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park”; and

(3) by striking “historic site” each place it appears and inserting “historical park”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law (other than this Act), map, regulation, document, record, or other official paper of the United States to the “Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site” shall be considered to be a reference to the “Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park”.

SEC. 304. LAVA BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT WILDERNESS BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

The first section of the Act of October 13, 1972 (Public Law 92-493; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note), is amended in the first sentence—

(1) by striking “That, in” and inserting the following:

“SECTION 1. In”; and

(2) by striking “ten thousand acres” and all that follows through the end of the sentence and inserting “10,431 acres, as depicted within the proposed wilderness boundary on the map titled ‘Lava Beds National Monument, Proposed Wilderness Boundary Adjustment’, numbered 147/80,015, and dated September 2005, and those lands within the area generally known as the ‘Schonchin Lava Flow’, comprising approximately 18,029 acres, as depicted within the proposed wilderness boundary on the map, are designated as wilderness.”.

TITLE IV—TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

SEC. 401. BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11) is amended—

(1) in sections 8005(b)(3) and 8005(b)(4) by striking “Baltimore Heritage Area Association” and inserting “Baltimore City Heritage Area Association”; and

(2) in section 8005(i) by striking “EFFECTIVENESS” and inserting “FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE”.

SEC. 402. MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

Section 8009(j) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 is amended by striking “EFFECTIVENESS” and inserting “FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE”.

SEC. 403. SNAKE RIVER HEADWATERS.

Section 5002(c)(1) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 is amended by striking “paragraph (205) of section 3(a)” each place it appears and inserting “paragraph (206) of section 3(a)”.

SEC. 404. TAUNTON RIVER.

Section 5003(b) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 is amended by striking “section 3(a)(206)” each place it appears and inserting “section 3(a)(207)”.

SEC. 405. CUMBERLAND ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE.

Section 6(b) of the Act titled “An Act to establish the Cumberland Island National Seashore in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes” (Public Law 92-536) is amended by striking “physiographic conditions not prevailing” and inserting “physiographic conditions now prevailing”.

SEC. 406. NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

Section 427(k) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-229) is amended by striking “Except as provided for the leasing of administrative facilities under subsection (g)(1), the” and inserting “The”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 3804 is a package of reauthorizations and technical corrections introduced at the request of the National Park Service by Representative PAUL TONKO.

The bill includes 10-year reauthorizations for the National Park System Advisory Board and the National Park Service Concession Management Advisory Board.

H.R. 3804 also increases the authorization for the popular Volunteers in Parks program, which provides reimbursement for travel costs and other small expenses to volunteers whose contributions to our parks are enormous.

Among other provisions, H.R. 3804 also changes the designation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, makes several minor boundary adjustments, and allows park staff at the USS Arizona Memorial to work with other organizations to ease visitors’ admission to the many historic sites at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

Mr. Speaker, Representative TONKO is to be commended for helping the National Park System with this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM,

Washington, DC, December 2, 2009.

Hon. NICK RAHALL,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN RAHALL: I am writing about H.R. 3804, the “National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009”, which the Committee on Natural Resources ordered reported to the House on November 10, 2009.

I appreciate your effort to consult with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform regarding those provisions of H.R. 3804 that fall within the Oversight Committee’s jurisdiction. These provisions include matters related to snow and ice removal within the District of Columbia.

In the interest of expediting consideration of H.R. 3804, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will not object to the consideration of this bill in the House. I would, however, request your support for the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform should H.R. 3804 or a similar Senate bill be considered in conference with the Senate.

This letter should not be construed as a waiver of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform’s legislative jurisdiction over subjects addressed in H.R. 3804 that fall within the jurisdiction of the Oversight Committee.

Finally, I request that you include our exchange of letters on this matter in the Committee on Natural Resources report on H.R. 3804 and in the Congressional Record during

consideration of this legislation on the House floor.

Sincerely,

EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2009.

Hon. EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Rayburn H.O.B., Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your willingness to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 3804, the National Park Service Authorities and Corrections Act of 2009, which contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

I appreciate your willingness to waive rights to further consideration of H.R. 3804, even though your Committee has received an additional referral. Of course, this waiver does not prejudice any further jurisdictional claims by your Committee over this legislation or similar language. Furthermore, I agree to support your request for appointment of conferees from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform if a conference is held on this matter.

This exchange of letters will be inserted in the Congressional Record as part of the consideration of the bill on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Although many parts of this legislation are technical, there are a few extra “want list” items thrown in by the National Park Service. It is a bad practice for us to enact substantive changes in law or extensions of authority under the guise of a technical corrections bill.

I want to call the attention of the House to two of the provisions of this bill that should have been subject to hearings and thoughtful deliberation.

First, the reauthorization of the NPS Advisory Board is not a technical matter. The board has recently been reauthorized through annual appropriations bills, but issues such as conflicts of interest, membership qualifications, and the independence of board members who work for organizations that receive funds from the Department of the Interior should be addressed by Congress. The usefulness of the board itself came into question under previous Park Service Directors as it was routinely used to stall difficult decisions.

Second, the Concessions Advisory Board has received little if any oversight, and a 10-year reauthorization without any specific inquiry may be unjustifiable at this time.

Typically, these boards have been used as “plums” by sitting administrations, Republican and Democrat. The

National Park System has many strong supporters in Congress, including me, but I do not think we help the Park Service by enacting unexamined provisions of law buried in a technical corrections bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I again urge Members to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3804, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD BOUNDARY MODIFICATION ACT

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3388) to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3388

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act".

SEC. 2. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield is modified to include the properties as generally depicted on the map titled "Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Expansion", numbered 325/80,080, and dated June 2007. The map shall be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(b) *ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES.*—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") is authorized to acquire the lands or interests in land, described in subsection (a), from willing sellers only by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, exchange, or transfer.

(c) *ADMINISTRATION.*—The Secretary shall administer any land or interests in land acquired under this section as part of the Petersburg National Battlefield in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TRANSFER.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary and the Secretary of the Army are authorized to transfer administrative jurisdiction for approximately 1,171 acres of land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior within the boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield, for approximately 1,170 acres of land under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army within the boundary of the Fort Lee Military Reservation adjacent to the boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield.

(b) *MAP.*—The land to be exchanged is depicted on the map titled "Petersburg National

Battlefield Proposed Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction", numbered 325/80,081, and dated October 2009. The map shall be available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(c) *CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER.*—The transfer of administrative jurisdiction authorized in subsection (a) shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) *NO REIMBURSEMENT OR CONSIDERATION.*—The transfer shall occur without reimbursement or consideration.

(2) *DEADLINE.*—The Secretary and the Secretary of the Army shall complete the transfers authorized by this section not later than 120 days after the funds are made available for that purpose.

(3) *MANAGEMENT.*—The land conveyed to the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be included within the boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield and shall be administered as part of the park in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BROWN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3388 is sponsored by our colleague, Representative FORBES of Virginia. The 9-month campaign by the Union Army to capture the town of Petersburg, Virginia, was the longest of the Civil War. Today, only a fraction of the sites associated with the siege are protected within Petersburg National Battlefield. The Civil War Preservation Trust has consistently listed this area among the Nation's most endangered Civil War battlefields. Mr. Speaker, this legislation authorizes the expansion of the park to preserve approximately 7,000 acres that retain their historic significance. It was the subject of an extensive public planning process and has strong support within the local community.

I commend Mr. FORBES for sponsoring this legislation to improve the preservation of such an important historic resource, and I ask my colleagues to support passage of this measure.

DECEMBER 3, 2009.

Hon. NICK J. RAHALL II,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Longworth House Office Building Wash-
ington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On November 18, 2009, the Committee on Natural Resources ordered H.R. 3388, the Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act, to be reported. As you know, this measure contains certain provisions that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 3388 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over this

legislation, the Committee on Armed Services will waive further consideration of H.R. 3388. I do so with the understanding that by waiving further consideration of the bill, the Committee does not waive any future jurisdictional claims over similar measures. In the event of a conference with the Senate on H.R. 3388, the Committee on Armed Services reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees.

I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter and a copy of your response in your Committee's report on H.R. 3388 and the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman,
House Committee on Armed Services.

DECEMBER 3, 2009.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Ray-
burn H.O.B., Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your willingness to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 3388, the Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act, which contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services.

I appreciate your willingness to waive rights to further consideration of H.R. 3388, even though your Committee has received an additional referral. Of course, this waiver does not prejudice any further jurisdictional claims by your Committee over this legislation or similar language. Furthermore, I agree to support your request for appointment of conferees from the Committee on Armed Services if a conference is held on this matter.

This exchange of letters will be inserted in the Congressional Record as part of the consideration of the bill on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL II,
Chairman,
Committee on Natural Resources.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 3388 expands the boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield in Virginia and authorizes the exchange of approximately equal 1-acre parcels between the Secretary of the Interior and the Army. The boundary expansion adds an additional 7,000 acres that have been identified as core battlefield areas during the Union Army's long siege of Petersburg during the Civil War.

I want to compliment the sponsor of this bill, Congressman FORBES, for including "willing seller" language in the bill. Private land will fall within the expanded boundary of the park, and those property rights need to be protected.

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 3388, the Petersburg National Battlefield Boundary Modification Act. This legislation would provide for the expansion of Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg, Virginia, which will serve to increase heritage tourism in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enable Americans to learn more about the final years of the Civil War.

Nearly one quarter of the entire Civil War was fought in and around Petersburg, Virginia.